



THE LAMPLIGHTER

Presbyterian Church of West Salem
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November 2019

FALL FESTIVAL November 9th



Our Fall Festival will begin with breakfast served from 8:30-9:30 a.m. At only \$3.50 you will receive scrambled eggs, sausages, cinnamon rolls and beverages. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Please purchase tickets Sunday mornings or call Helen at 786-0856.



We are asking each family to donate at least 6 dz. cookies to sell for \$6.00/lb. We also need craft items. Raffle tickets available from Sue Strauss. Donations should be at church on Friday, November 8th before 7:00 p.m. or by 7:30 a.m. on November 9th. Profits go to local and worldwide missions. Let's make this a very successful Fall Festival!

There will be a Special Congregational meeting, Sunday, November 17th

Special Congregational Meeting immediately following Worship for the express purpose of hearing the report of the Nominating Committee to elect Elders, Deacons and Nominating Committee members for 2020.

Calling All Ringers!



We would like to get the hand bell choir going again this year, and Rachel Handrick is eager to lead it. It is open to kids 6th grade and up and all adults. If you are interested, please let Rachel know, or any Music and Worship Committee member.

SAVE THE DATE!

Annual Holiday Dinner and Silent Auction

Mark your calendars for December 7th for the Annual Holiday Dinner & Silent Auction with live music. Please check out page 6 for all the details of this fun event to kick-start the holiday season!

Lifetouch Photos are IN!

If you had a photo taken, but did NOT order extra reprints, your free 8x10 is waiting for you at church! Please pick up any Sunday morning at the back of the sanctuary. If you purchased extra photos, they should have arrived at your home, along with your \$30 Shutterfly coupon. If you do not wish to use the coupon, please contact Kathy Schedin, as we will use toward something for the church. Directories will be finished in a few weeks!

September 2019 Financial Summary

Operating Budget

Balance September 1st	(\$952.57)
Receipts	28,738.28
Expenses	(19,681.24)



Ending Balance—September 30th \$8,104.47

Prayer Chain

Helen Harold	786-0856
Sharon Shaw	786-0653
Vickie Holt	786-1659
Sharon Cullmann	608-797-1732
Sue Strauss	786-0758
Marilyn Bahr	786-0315
Diana Engel	786-1560
Becky Auna	786-0097
Rose Cooper	608-369-3848

HIGHLIGHTS FROM SESSION:

- Received letter of Thanks from *The Exchange*
- Approved State PW Gathering here April 17-19
- Approved Trunk-or-Treat
- Set Fall Congregational Meeting for November 17th



Hats off to:

- our October nursery helpers: Gideon Wolbrink, Gavin Logging, Jaycob Brown & Julia Byrnes
- our October liturgists: Kathy Schedin, Jackie Siekert, Tiffani LaJeunesse & Kevin Arndt
- our October sound room: Grant Bohnsack, Gideon & Josiah Wolbrink, Anna Bohnsack & Genevieve Haugen
- Our October acolytes: Evan Crusan, Brynn Logging, Lily Oldenburg, Dax Pfaff, Evelyn Raymer & Elsa Wolbrink



Elders

Class of 2019

Shawn McAlister
Mike Siekert
Kristjan Sells
Kevin Aleckson

Class of 2020

Valerie Olson
Carolyn Lindeman
Charles Engel
Kathy Schedin

Class of 2021

Barbara Hopkins
Sherry Bonsall
Becca Bohnsack
Greg Meeuwesen

Deacons

Class of 2019 Kris Seeger, Jean Pearson, Diana Swim, Chris Winther and Helen Harold

Class of 2020 Claudia Olson, Nancy Olson, Jackie Siekert, Rita Thompson and Lill Twining

A Note from Pastor Stephanie:

One Sunday in church, a little girl sitting alone watched as the offering plate was being passed around. The little girl was so moved during Worship, she wanted to give something to God. She searched inside her small coin purse but found it empty except for a few candy wrappers. She knew she had to give something but yet, she had nothing. She got up from her seat and dashed to the back of the church. The little girl tugged on the sleeve of one of the ushers and asked, "May I hold the plate?" Somewhat reluctantly the usher handed her the plate, filled with money and envelopes, and watched with curiosity. The little girl placed the offering plate on the ground, stepped inside of it and said, "Jesus, I don't have anything else to give you, so I give You me."

I love this story because it reminds all of us that Stewardship isn't just about money, it's about our heart! Matthew 6:21 says; "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Perhaps it would do us all well to stand in the offering plate and echo this little girl's words as we think about giving to the church: "Jesus, I don't have anything else to give you, so I give You me."

As we look toward 2020, what are the places where you feel moved to give of yourself to the church? The Nominating Committee is diligently looking for elders and deacons to serve - is Jesus calling you to Volunteer in this capacity? The Choir would love new members - we are so privileged to have Rachel Handrick directing the choir- don't miss out on the opportunity to sing under her direction! Is Jesus urging you to lift your voice and sing with our choir? Perhaps you don't sing - Well, we have an incredible set of Handbells that need to be put to good use - and Rachel has offered to work with a Handbell Choir. Is Jesus calling your hands and heart to make music in this way? Our Committees always need new members to bring a fresh perspective. Is Jesus calling you to bring your creative spirit to a Committee.

We are a busy congregation with plenty of opportunities for us to give of ourselves! You don't have to be asked, simply show up and you will be put to good use: Community Dinner/Garden Crew/Lawn mowing/Rummage Sale/Sunday School Teacher/Nursery Provider/ and the list goes on!

The truth is, participating in the life of the church isn't about us, it's about the power of Jesus Christ in us ...serving comes from a heart that has been given to Jesus and wants to be a part of God's Kingdom. Serving is:

- not about my weakness.
- not about my strengths.
- not about what I have.
- not about what I don't have.
- not about what I can give.
- not about what I can gain.
- Serving is not about me!

Don't miss out on the fun we have here serving the Lord. Service is a matter of the heart! As Tom Thibodeau reminded us on Stewardship Sunday, "Service is Love made Visible."

*With a full heart,
Pastor Stephanie*

Our Pastor's Emergency Fund is in need of donations

Our church is seen as a place for people in need to seek assistance. It is not unusual to receive requests for help purchasing gas, food, clothing or many others items and so our pastors listen and then offer gift cards to those individuals. Please consider making a donation as the seasons change and the holidays approach knowing that we can help support those in need. Please note that this fund is at a separate bank so any donations *need to be made separately from other giving*. Also please note if you write a check, add on memo line, "Pastors Emergency Fund".

"Resolve to Love" is the Church Women United World Community Day theme to be held on November 1st at North Presbyterian Church. Brunch will be served at 9:30 AM at a cost of \$5.00. Reservations should be given to Margy at 608-788-3015. Please call Helen at 786-0856 if you would like to attend. We are collecting winter coats, hats, etc. to give to Salvation Army. There is a box in the back of the church to place your items.



And the people said "Amen"

Stewardship Sunday was such a great day! Tom Thibodeau, our speaker for the event, had an important message about raising children in the church, being a welcoming people and staying positive. Thank you Pastor Stephanie for making that happen! Also thank you to all that helped make the Sunday go smoothly by bringing dishes to share, preparing and serving food, as well as cleaning up, we had a good crew. Those who stayed enjoyed fellowship over good food and special music by Greg Meeuwesen.



HANGING OF THE GREENS—Please plan to join in the fun immediately after Worship on December 1st to decorate the church for Christmas! The more participation we have, the more quickly it goes. We need young, capable, steady legs & backs to help carry up the decorations from the basement. We love to see all ages working together. Our church always looks so festive and inviting when the decorations are in place with the lights lit. So mark your calendar and let's get Advent started in a big way. Thanks!

Silent Auction Items Needed for Holiday Dinner!

Please help by donating items for the silent auction. They can be services of time or talents, new or very gently used gift items, things that you may have bought and thought "Why did I do that?". Be creative and have some fun with it. If we could have the items by December 4th, that would be great. But never fear, we will take them anytime between 3:00-4:30 PM on Saturday, December 7th. Thanks for your help! (If you want a minimum bid on your donated item, please put a note with it.)

Please join us for Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Wednesday, November 27th
at 6:30 PM

Community Dinner at 5:00-6:00 PM



NOVEMBER CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

6th, 13th & 20th—5:00 Class
27th—5:00 Community Dinner &
Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service at



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN FALL FESTIVAL



When: Saturday, November 9, 2019
8:30 AM to 11:00 AM

Where: Presbyterian Church of West Salem
625 West Franklin Street
West Salem, Wisconsin

*** Huge Cookie Sale * Raffle**
*** Craft Items**

Breakfast from 8:30-9:30 AM—Advance ticket sales only for \$3.50

Call the church at 786-0910 for ticket information

Holiday Dinner, Silent Auction & Craft Sale

Saturday, December 7, 2018

Presbyterian Church of West Salem
625 West Franklin St., West Salem, WI

Dinner – 5:00 to 6:30 pm

Silent Auction – 5:00 to 6:15 pm

Crafts & Goodies for sale throughout the evening

The whole community is invited to this fun holiday event! Come join us for dinner, silent auction, and a craft & goodies sale. **Live music provided by the Driftless River Band.** There is even a space to dance!!

Dinner

\$8.00 for Adults

\$4.00 for children ages 3-11

Free for children 2 years & under

Menu

Taco Bar with all of the fixings including, but not limited to, sour cream, chips, salsa, refried beans, cheese, and much, much more, dessert, and a beverage.

For more information & to purchase tickets contact:
Presbyterian Church of West Salem 608-786-0910

NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS

HEAD USHER: Dave Bohnsack

FELLOWSHIP (Serve/Clean-up): Christian Ed Committee

LITURGIST & GREETER

NURSERY CARE

GREETERS (Fellowship Hall Doors)

3—Avis Evenson

3—Ethan Crusan

3—Bob & Deb Allen

10—Shayna Arndt

10—Brigitta Haugen

10—Penny Wherry

17—Laura Burdick

17—Willis Jones

17—Rose & Kevin Lee

24—Jenni Loging

24—Junior Schmidt

24—Terry Loging

ACOLYTES

3—Xander Wuensch & Josiah Wolbrink

10—Bradley Baker & Evan Crusan

17—Liam & Cameron Lambertson

24—Evelyn Raymer & Lily Oldenburg

SOUND ROOM TECHNICIANS

3—Grant Bohnsack

10—Ethan Crusan

17—Gideon & Josiah Wolbrink

24—Genevieve Haugen

27—Anna Bohnsack (Thanksgiving Eve Worship)



The sympathy of the congregation is extended to:

...Loris Griffin on the death of her cousin, Willard Halverson, September 15th.

...Vickie Holt and family on the death of John on October 20th.



BIRTHDAYS

2—Curtis Matthews

22—Ayden Bjorkman, Danielle Wehrs

4—Robert Twining

23—Marilyn Bahr, Loris Ann Griffin

9—Pamela Twining

24—Annabelle Baker, Matthew Schnitzler

11—Kendall Hill, Aubree Hill

25—Keahna Littlejohn

13—Avis Evenson, Mark Wuensch

26—Charles Engel, Janet Twining

14—Will Griffin

27—Joy Raymer

18—Michael Koeneke

28—Frances Leicht

19—Laura Stephenson

30—Alex Twining

20—Richard Carlson

21—Mariah Terry



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Quick Look Ahead:



- CWU World Community Day – November 1st
- Daylight Saving Time Ends – November 3rd
- All Saints' Sunday – November 3rd
- PW Fall Festival – November 9th
- Congregational Meeting – November 17th
- Presbytery Meeting – November 19th
- Community Dinner & Thanksgiving Eve Worship – November 27th
- Hanging of the Greens – December 1st

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Please inform the church office of any change in your address.